



IN THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of playing a player-banked ~~[[poker-type]]~~ poker card game comprising at least one player making at least one ante wager in the ~~[[poker-type]]~~ poker game:

each player placing at least one ante wager to participate in the game;

at least one player receiving a first number of cards as a partial player hand and a dealer receiving a second number of cards as a partial banker hand, the second number of cards having at least one card more than the first number of cards received by the player, the first number of cards and the second number of cards forming partial player hands and a partial banker hand, respectively;

providing a set of community cards that are used by the banker and the at least one player to complete the partial banker hand and partial player hands;

~~[[exposing]]~~ showing the rank of one of the banker's cards to provide ~~[[an exposed]]~~ a shown banker card;

compelling the dealer to discard the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown banker's card if the rank of the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown banker's card is within a first range of values and compelling the dealer to discard an unexposed banker's card if the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown banker's card is within a second range of values that is different from the first range of values to determine a rank of the banker's hand;

resolving the at least one ante wager according to rules of the ~~[[poker-type]]~~ poker game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming a multiple-card banker poker hand and multiple-card player poker hands from a) the community cards and banker's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one player's cards, respectively.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 1 wherein the dealer must discard the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 2 wherein the dealer must discard the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or a rank of 10.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 2 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 and further comprising the player playing an optional additional Ante wager that may be placed in proportion to the ante.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of playing a ~~[[poker-type]]~~ poker game according to claim 1 wherein the ~~[[comprising]]~~ at least one player ~~[[making]]~~ makes at least two independent ante wagers in the poker-type game:

a player making a first ante wager to participate in the game;

a player making a second ante wager to participate in the same game;

the at least one player ~~[[receiving]]~~ receives a first number of cards and a dealer ~~[[receiving]]~~ receives a second number of cards, the second number of cards being at least one card more than the first number of cards received by the player, wherein the received cards separately form a part of the player and banker hands;

~~[[providing a set of community cards that are used by the dealer and the player to complete the player hands and banker hand;~~

~~—— exposing one of the dealer's cards to provide an exposed banker card;~~

~~—— compelling the dealer to discard at least one card from the banker's cards;]]~~

after the dealer has been compelled to discard the at least one card, allowing the player to withdraw at least one of the at least two ante wagers; and

resolving any ante wager still in play according to rules of the poker type game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming multiple-card banker hand and multiple-card player poker hands from a) the community cards and the banker's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one player's cards, respectively.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 6 wherein the dealer must discard the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is

at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 7 wherein the dealer must discard the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or a rank of 10.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 7 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X at least the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the player has an option of a range of play wagers that may be placed in proportion to the ante that must be placed on the at least one ante to remain in the game.

11. CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of playing a ~~[[poker-type]]~~ poker game according to claim 1 wherein ~~[[comprising]]~~:

the at least one player ~~[[making]]~~ makes at least two independent ante wagers in the ~~[[poker-type]]~~ poker game;

a dealer ~~[[receiving]]~~ receives cards and at least one player receiving cards, the cards representing part of a banker's hand and part of a player's hand, respectively; and

allowing the player under certain conditions to withdraw at least one of the at least two ante wagers, leaving at least one wager remaining in play. ~~[[;~~

~~providing a set of community cards that are used by the dealer and the player to complete the banker and player hands; and~~

~~resolving the at least one wager remaining in play according to rules of the poker type game, with the dealer and the at least one player forming multiple card player hands and a multiple card banker poker hand from a) the community cards and player's cards and b) the community cards and the at least one dealer's cards, respectively.]]~~

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 11 wherein a number of cards provided to the dealer and player is three and two, respectively, and a first one of the

dealer's cards is ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown, wherein the dealer must discard the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or below a predetermined rank, and the dealer must retain the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or above a predetermined rank and discard one of the unexposed cards.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 12 wherein the dealer must discard the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card when the ~~[[exposed]]~~ shown dealer's card is at or below a rank of 9 or 10.

14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 12 wherein the player must make a play wager of at least 1X the ante wager after determining the dealer's hand to remain in the game.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14 wherein the player has an option of a range of play wagers that may be placed in proportion to the ante that must be placed on the at least one ante to remain in the game.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein the two Ante bets are equal.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein a second Ante bet is limited to 3X a first Ante bet.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 14, wherein when the condition of the dealer's ~~[[revealed]]~~ shown card is an Ace, the player must play both Antes and the dealer retains all dealer cards to play a best five out of six cards.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 14, wherein when the player's hand is a pair or better, the player is permitted to play both Antes.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 14, wherein when the dealer's ~~[[revealed]]~~ shown card is a King, the player must play both Antes, and the dealer must discard a down card.

21-32 (CANCELLED)



SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

- 1) There is a four-way (4-way) restriction requirement amongst groups I. (Claims 1-5); group II (claims 6-10); group III); and group IV, claims 21-32).
- 2) Applicants have elected claims 1-5 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits, **with traverse.**
- 3) Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as indefinite.
- 4) Claims 1-5 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of Patent Application SN 10/658,865.